

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 457

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Adam Bishop, United States Marine Corps.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Armed Forces, including the United States Marine Corps; sadly many of these honored defenders of our nation and its liberties have fallen in battle throughout our country's history; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2007, Lance Corporal Jeffrey Adam Bishop, United States Marine Corps, died while conducting combat operations in Falluja, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, a beloved son and husband, Jeffrey Bishop was a 2002 graduate of Dickson County High School; in November of 2006, he married Emma Katherine Peery; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Jeffrey Bishop was preceded in death by his father, Edward Gray Bishop, Jr., and his grandparents, Edward Gray Bishop, Sr., and Vilma Tilley Bishop, and Sylvester and Anna Felts Moran; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his wife, Mr. Bishop is survived by his mother, Birdie Moran Bishop; brothers, Edward Gray Bishop III, married to Candace, and W.D. Hagewood, married to Tina; sisters, Wendy Stewart, married to Scott, Amy Curtis, married to Lee, and Jenny Allison, married to Marty; several nieces and nephews and many other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Bishop, who joined the Marines in September of 2003 and trained as a machine gunner, was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated military professional, Jeffrey Bishop was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal on July 20, 2006; and

WHEREAS, in January 2007, he deployed for his second tour of duty in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Bishop served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed and, for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Marine Corps, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Adam Bishop's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers, and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to join with the United States Marine Corps and the citizens of Dickson, the State of Tennessee, and the United States of America in honoring a fallen son and hero; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Lance Corporal Jeffrey Adam Bishop of Dickson for his heroic sacrifice of his life as a member of the United States Marine Corps and express to his family our sorrow for their loss and our gratitude for his commitment to the cause of freedom.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.